

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-36 are rejected. Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are amended herein. Reconsideration of the Application and Claims is respectfully requested.

103 Rejection

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spencer (U.S. Patent No. 6,356,909) in view of Gurne et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,541,840). The Applicants have reviewed the cited references and respectfully submit that the embodiments of the present invention as are recited in Claims 1-36 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Spencer in view of Gurne et al.

The Examiner is respectfully directed to independent Claim 1 which is drawn to a method for generating a plurality of templates. Claim 1 is reproduced below in its entirety for convenience of the Examiner.

1. A method for generating a plurality of templates, wherein said templates are utilized in building user customizable documents, wherein said templates comprise sections, sub-sections and fields, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a) storing said plurality of templates;
 - b) displaying a list comprising said plurality of templates to accommodate a selection of at least one of said plurality of templates by a user;
 - c) retrieving a selected template from said storage, subsequent to a receiving of a user selection of a template; and
 - d) displaying to the user said selected template, wherein said selected template enables a user to select in a first operation said sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a particular document to be built, and said selected template enables a user to select in a second operation different from said first operation the sequence of said sections, sub-sections, and fields in said particular document to be built, wherein in response to said second operation, the sequence of sections, sub-sections, and fields that is selected is automatically provided in a completed document.

Claims 10, 19 and 28 contain limitations similar to those of Claim 1. Claims 2-9, 11-18, 20-27 and 29-36 depend from Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 respectively and recite further limitations of embodiments of the present invention.

Spencer in view of Gurne et al. does not anticipate or render obvious the embodiments of the present invention that are set forth in Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28. Spencer in view of Gurne et al. is deficient because Spencer does not teach each of the limitations of these Claims and the secondary reference Gurne et al. does not remedy the deficiencies of Spencer. In particular, Spencer does not teach or suggest a method for generating a plurality of templates that includes displaying to the user a selected template “wherein said selected template enables a user to select in a first operation said sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a particular document to be built, and said selected template enables a user to select in a second operation different from said first operation the sequence of said sections, sub-sections, and fields in said particular document to be built” wherein in response to the second operation, the sequence of sections, sub-sections, and fields that is selected is automatically provided in a completed document as is set forth in Claim 1 (Claims 10, 19 and 28 contain similar limitations). And, Gurne et al. does not teach these limitations to remedy the deficiencies of Spencer.

Spencer only shows a web-based system for managing a request for proposal and responses. It should be noted that Spencer is concerned with content but is not concerned with the automatic ordering of a selected sequence of sections, sub-sections and fields. Or, the listing of output formats as is set forth in Applicant’s Claims.

In fact, nowhere in the Spencer reference is it taught or suggested that a selected template enables a user to select sections, sub-sections and fields for: (1) inclusion, and (2) sequence in a document, in respective operations, wherein in response to a selection of a sequence of the sections, sub-sections, and fields the sequence for these components is automatically provided in a completed document.

Gurne et al. does not teach or suggest a modification of Spencer that would remedy the deficiencies of Spencer noted above. More specifically, Gurne et al. does not teach or suggest a method for generating a plurality of templates that includes displaying to the user a selected template “wherein said selected template enables a user to select in a first operation said sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a particular document to be built, and said selected template enables a user to select in a second operation different from said first operation the sequence of said sections, sub-sections, and fields in said particular document to be built” wherein in response to the second operation, the sequence of sections, sub-sections, and fields that is selected is automatically provided in a completed document as is set forth in Claim 1 (Claims 10, 19 and 28 recite similar limitations).

Gurne et al. only shows a hand-held automotive diagnostic tool. It should be noted that Gurne et al. was not employed to, and does not address the deficiencies of Spencer outlined above. In fact, nowhere in the Spencer reference is it taught or suggested that a selected template enables a user to select sections, sub-sections and fields for: (1) inclusion, and (2) sequence in a document, in respective operations, wherein in response to a selection of a sequence of the sections, sub-sections, and fields the sequence for these components is automatically provided in a completed document.

Consequently, the embodiments of the Applicants’ invention as are set forth in Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Spencer in view of Gurne et al. Accordingly, Applicants also respectfully submit that Spencer in view of Gurne et al. does not anticipate or render obvious the present claimed invention as is recited in Claims 2-9 dependent on Claim 1, Claims 11-18 dependent on Claim 10, Claims 20-27 dependent on Claim 19 and Claims 29-36 dependent on Claim 28 and that these Claims overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

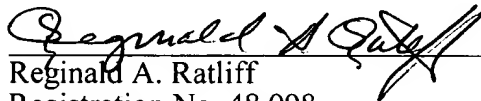
In light of the above-listed remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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